

SEDGWICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 8th March 2023.

*This meeting took place at Sedgwick Village Hall
The Annual Parish Meeting was held in accordance with the
requirements of the Local Government Act 1972.*

Present: Cllrs B Holmes (Chairman), Cllr W Burrow, Cllr V Macconnell, Cllr D Rathbone, SLDC Leader Mrs S Roberts (Parish Clerk) Two members of the River Kent project and 21 members of the Parish.

1. Welcome and Introduction.

2. Apologies

Apologies it was resolved for apologies with reasons given that were accepted by Sedgwick Parish Council to be noted Cllr B Tanham and Cllr G Stoker both have Covid, Cllr A Holmes was unwell, PCSO Newman did not work on Wednesdays, Kate Gordon Canal & River Trust did not live in the area and Mrs Fletcher Crosscrake c of e School was unwell.

3. Minutes of the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting

The minutes of the Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2022 were approved and signed as a true record.

4. A Presentation of the Clean Up the River Kent was presented by Shelia Adams and Carole Wood This information is available on our website

5. Councillors Reports for 2022/23

Parish Councillors

- Chairperson: Introduction
- Chairperson on behalf of Vice/ Cllr Tanham: local Planning/ Bus Shelter project/ Crime & Prevention
- Cllr Burrow reported on behalf of Cllr Stoker: Millennium Field/Play Area- repairs and future project and The Emergency Plan
- Cllr Burrow/ Cllr Macconnell : Fund raising
- Cllr V Macconnell reported on behalf of Cllr A Holmes: Highways

Financial – Draft Report: The Clerk

Summing up - Cllr B Holmes - continuing management of the Canal Wildlife area, Canal and River Trust update, Communications - via newsletters/ facebook/website/cabinet.

County Cllr Gray/Cllr Rathbone- Report given

Copies of the reports are available for inspection from the Clerk.

6. Reports from Parish Organisation

Reports were presented on behalf of the following Parish Groups:

- Village Hall Committee
- St Thomas Church
- WI Group
- Creative Embroidery
- Art Group
- Badminton Group

Copies of the reports are available for inspection from the Clerk.

7. Public Participation: Questions and Future Priorities

- Are there any photos of the proposed slide: photos would be made available on the website
- Was any Dribbulator training available: this was done by the Village hall Committee, who advise the resident to contact British Heart Foundation who arranged local courses.
- Question raised about the Canal and River Trust project of the waymarker installation: The PC had received information from the planning department as well as being informed by the River and Canal Trust of what they intended to do and no consultation had taken place with the Parish Council other than the Council asking the path not to be closed during the May celebrations.
- Would SLDC and the new Council be seamless on 1st April: Cllr Rathbone said that was the plan but it would be a difficult time for many reasons.
- A resident had complaint about the bench on the Canal Path by hill bridge being removed: Council has written to her explaining the bench was rotten and deemed unsafe by the Parish Council. She felt the Treeslide did not need replacing, the Council was raising funds to replace this equipment as it was expected to fail its annual safety check in the near future. The comments about the privately owned Canal Path land/ Parish Council owned path being widened/ Toilet facilities in the Millennium field would be raised at the next meeting in May.

Future Priorities

- Covid-19 recovery
- Kings Coronation
- Safer Roads/pavements initiatives/speed monitoring
- Woodland Management in the Canal Wildlife Area
- Highway Maintenance
- Local Government Reorganisation
- Climate Change/darker skies initiative/ nature recovery
- Bus Shelter Project
- Funding/Installation of new play equipment

8. The Role of the Parish Clerk

Cllr Holmes explained that the Clerk would be retiring this summer and the role of the Parish Clerk is at present being advertised. Anyone interested is to apply before 15th March 2023.

The Chairperson conveyed thanks to everyone for attending the meeting

Meeting closed at 9 30 pm

Signed : (Chairman)
Date : March 2024